

Double-Header With Crickets Sunday—Broder Leads Hoosier Batters

HARD GRIND FOR SOUTH BEND MEN

Hoosiers Will Probably Stage Three Double Bills in as Many Days—Need Series to Decide Second Pennant.

One nice big job faces the Hoosiers in the next three days if they are ordered to make up for lost time. This will mean nothing more nor less than six games in three days, which is going to be some task on everybody, not excepting the pitchers.

Yesterday it rained and rained hard. As a result, that old rule which is lived up to stronger than the one of having to touch 'em in this league, went into effect and there was no ball game.

Since it is the unwritten law in the Southern Michigan league that on the last trip to a town, all games must be played it is likely that two games will be staged at Adrian this afternoon. Of course nobody expects the Hoosiers to take both of them, but they have done this in the past and they might be able to do it again.

As this afternoon is Saturday and the Hoosiers are scheduled to play on their own lot on Sunday and as all Sundays here of late call for the keeping of two box scores, excepting of course when it rains, this means that they will play the Crickets who had from Battle Creek in a couple of contests.

One Postponed Game.

Then in addition to the two regular contests booked for Sunday the Crickets are headed here for another game on Monday. As there is a tie game between the two teams which went 13 innings without a finish, this game may be staged on Monday.

Schorr was slated to go yesterday and will be sent in today. If the second game is pulled off it will be up to Louie Loudermilk to tackle the Tots in the night cap. Then on Sunday Duffy and Williams will be ready for their turns on the mound. Williams will have had three days of rest while Duffy will have had four, so they will be in good shape to continue their battle against the Crickets.

But if two games are staged between the Crickets and the Hoosiers it will fall to Schorr and Loudermilk to go in with only two days of rest. This should not worry either Walter or Louie much as both have been known to pitch two games in one day. Walter has pulled the trick a couple of times and breezed by in both games.

Can Finish Second.

The locals have a chance to land in second place this year and will make a strong effort to take both games from the Crickets. This would put them to the front right up on the heels of Saginaw. The award of those several games to the Ducks has helped them and while both the Hoosiers and the Crickets have a chance to win the race, it is a slim chance since the Ducks are four and a half games ahead of the Crickets with the Hoosiers three games behind the Crickets. If the season was not so near its close, the chances are that the Ducks would not be so far in front.

There is no question but what the trouble in the Southern Michigan league has hurt the quality of baseball. In order to make this last season's race a regular one, the suggestion has been offered that the four lead teams be allowed to stage a series of games among themselves to decide the real winner for the last half.

Series of Nine Games.

Mr. Frank if he cared to could let each team play the other team three games. This would give a total of nine games and the team finishing with the highest figure would then be the legitimate champion of the last period of play. The chances are that

MYSTERY IN BALL FOUND BY WALSH

Curve on Which Ed Expects to Come Back is Sure Footer to Many Batters—McGraw Having His Troubles.

BY FRANK G. MENKE.
NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—There's an awful lot of mystery wrapped up around that new curve ball which "Big Ed" Walsh of the White Sox claims to have discovered, and by means of which he hopes to do a "come-back" after more than a year in drydock.

As far as anybody has been able to figure out, that new twister of Walsh's is a loo-loo. Walsh himself has explained it, but not in detail. To do so would be to tip off every other pitcher in the league. Some of Ed's teammates have told about it, but their description of it is just as lucid as most of the cables that describe the European war.

The new curve, taking it from the fragmentary statements concerning it, first shoots to the left after leaving the hand, then shoots to the right. Half way between the pitcher and the home plate the ball stops for a second or two. If it is a warm day the ball pauses and cools itself off. If the day be cold the ball, after stopping, executes a few tango whirls so as to keep itself warm.

Having cooled itself, or warmed itself, as the case may be, the ball proceeds on its journey, taking the outside course until near the plate, possibly in fear that a German cruiser is lurking somewhere on the inside track ready to shoot the ball to Helen Gawne.

Provided the ball reaches the vicinity of the plate in safety, it does several things. First of all it loops the loop four times. Then it drops, or it doesn't drop. It shoots right up into the air, shoots across the plate or it hits the player in the ribs, on the dome, or on his many buzzum, all according to Edward's aim.

Sometimes upon arriving at the plate the ball doesn't do all those things. Sometimes—well, you know Ty Cobb and them other fellows, Al.

John McGraw knows how Germany feels these days. John's plight is much like that of Mgr. Wilhelm who is trying to win the European pennant despite some furious opposition. However, there's a difference. While Bill's army fights and advances, John's army seems to be more adept at the opposite tactics.

John has three foes besetting him—the Braves, the Cubs and the Cards. And John realizes that he is fighting with his spinal column against the wall paper. He's unloosed his biggest guns, he's rallied his men, he's cursed 'em, praised 'em and done everything that's possible for a good little general to do. But his army hasn't responded to the call of duty with any noticeable enthusiasm.

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But this year it seems a bit different. John has called on his artillery but the fire of late seems to be showing no line but blank cartridges. As for John's infantry, led by Capt. Doyle, Lieut. Merkle and Corporal Burns—well, something seems to be the matter with its hearing. John keeps yelling at it to charge, but they seem to get things twisted and have executed a beautiful retreat during the past few weeks.

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WILD PEG DECIDES GAME

MT. CLEMENS, Mich., Aug. 29.—Bay City won Friday 3 to 2 on the defensive work of the Bathers. Two scores came in the third on a wild peg by Neuschaefer after two had been retired and Helmer's error in the sixth paved the way for the winning run.

City002 001 000—3 5 1
Mt. Clemens001 001 000—2 7 5
Bussey and Donnelly; Carpenter and Mattison.

NEITHER TEAM CAN WIN

Jackson and Saginaw Tied When Rain Comes Down.

JACKSON, Mich., Aug. 29.—Darkness stopped Friday's game with Saginaw in the seventh inning with the score 1 to 1.

Saginaw000 100 0—1 5 1
Jackson000 001 0—2 0 0
Robbins and Plate; Ferren and Hart.

CRICKETS BUNCH SWATS

FLINT, Mich., Aug. 29.—Battle Creek bunched his off Scott in the fourth inning Friday and won 2 to 1.

Battle Creek000 200 000—2 8 0
Flint000 000 001—1 9 0
Siegler and Dobbins; Scott and Boyle.

LOCAL MAN IS WINNER

J. B. Miller, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., captured the singles trophy in the Trolley Tennis league at Findlay, Ohio, where he is spending his vacation.

Miller defeated Lawrence Behney, winner of the cup last year, in four sets. Thirty-eight games were required and most of these were duce decus, keeping the spectators in suspense throughout the contest. Scores were 7-5, 4-6, 7-5, 8-6.

MAY LOSE CAPTAIN.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Aug. 29.—A. H. Gunderson of Rolfe, Ia., captain of the 1914 Iowa football eleven, Saturday reported that he is a victim of appendicitis and may be compelled to undergo an operation. If that contingency arises he will be out of the game this year.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—The closing move in connection with the world's championship billed match between Willie Hoppe of America and Melbourne Inman of England took place Friday when each posted \$1,000 with the stakeholder. The match will begin at the hotel Astor on Sept. 25.

SOLD TO TIGERS.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 29.—Bernie Boland, the Nashville Southern association pitcher, has been sold to the Detroit Americans, according to an announcement here today. The price paid is said to have been \$5,000. He will report to Detroit Sept. 15.

PLANS FOR RACE.

CORONA, Calif., Aug. 29.—Definite plans have been made for holding the international automobile road races here on Thanksgiving day. Pursuing amounting to \$17,000 will be offered in the 250-mile and 300-mile races over the three-mile boulevard course.

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN LEAGUE STANDING.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Saginaw	39	11	.780
Battle Creek	35	15	.700
South Bend	30	17	.638
Bay City	31	20	.608
Flint	27	24	.529
Jackson	23	25	.479
Mt. Clemens	23	27	.460
Adrian	17	33	.340
Kalamazoo	15	34	.306
Toledo	8	42	.160

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

South Bend-Adrian, rain.
Bay City, 3; Mt. Clemens, 2.
Saginaw, 1; Jackson, 1. Seven innings.

GAMES TODAY.

South Bend at Adrian.
Bay City at Mt. Clemens.
Battle Creek at Flint.
Saginaw at Jackson.
Kalamazoo at Toledo.

LEAGUE STANDINGS.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	78	38	.672
Boston	66	49	.574
Washington	61	54	.530
Detroit	60	59	.504
St. Louis	56	62	.475
Chicago	57	63	.475
New York	63	65	.449
Cleveland	39	82	.322

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

New York	61	49	.556
Chicago	64	54	.542
Boston	60	51	.541
Chicago	60	55	.522
Cincinnati	53	60	.469
Brooklyn	52	61	.460
Philadelphia	51	60	.459
St. Louis	51	62	.451
Pittsburgh	47	64	.424

FEDERAL LEAGUE.

Indianapolis	66	49	.574
Chicago	63	51	.553
Baltimore	60	52	.536
Buffalo	57	55	.509
Brooklyn	56	56	.500
Kansas City	53	63	.457
St. Louis	52	64	.448
Pittsburgh	47	64	.424

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

Louisville	77	57	.575
Milwaukee	74	56	.569
Indianapolis	73	62	.540
Columbus	67	64	.511
Kansas City	64	70	.477
Minneapolis	61	73	.455
St. Paul	48	86	.358

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

New York, 9; St. Louis, 5.
Detroit, 3; Boston, 0.
Chicago, 8; Philadelphia, 5. Called end of fifth, rain.

National League.

All games postponed, rain.

Federal League.

Buffalo, 3; Brooklyn, 2.
Pittsburgh-Baltimore, postponed, rain.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

Louisville, 12; Kansas City, 5.
Milwaukee-Indianapolis, rain.
Minneapolis-Columbus, rain.
St. Paul-Cleveland, rain.

GAMES TODAY.

Chicago at Washington.
Philadelphia at Philadelphia.
Detroit at New York.
St. Louis at Boston.

National League.

Brooklyn at Pittsburgh.
Philadelphia at Cincinnati.
New York at Chicago.

Federal League.

Pittsburgh at Baltimore.
Chicago at St. Louis.
Buffalo at Brooklyn.
Indianapolis at Kansas City.

RAIN HALTS MAD CHASE FOR FLAG

Giants, Cubs, Braves and Cardinals Will Stage Three Games in Next Two Days. Cards Are Dangerous.

Scoreboard bugs of South Bend were disappointed yesterday when the ticker ticked, without ticking any remarks from either Chicago or St. Louis where the finish fight is now being waged in the National league.

The rain man was to blame and both the Giant-Cub and Card-Brave contests were postponed. Still the day may not remain lost as the same teams play today and again on Sunday. Since the turnstiles in the Chicago and St. Louis parks are working overtime these afternoons it is sure that the two games will be played either this afternoon or Sunday. The fur will fly and like as not Heinie Zimmerman will be benched or get into a fight both afternoons. The warring factions in Europe have nothing on said Zim.

New York is still in the lead but if their teeth slip this afternoon they may find themselves back about second position, before the present series ends. Should the Cubs take three from the Giants they would be in first place as their figures would read 63 won 55 lost, giving them a percentage of .534. The Giants would have 61 won and 52 lost to their credit for a .540 percentage.

In the St. Louis series it's a case of root hog or die. The team that wins will go up to the lead and the team that loses will fall back a few notches. St. Louis has a one point edge on the Braves, but by dropping two in three would soon lose it.

While Boston has dropped three out of the last four games, it can't be said that they have hit the toboggan. They are in foreign territory and have battled for every game, but lost the edge in two of them. In one game at Chicago they were badly beaten. The Cubs hammering the ball like hammers.

St. Louis has played the largest number of games this season with 118 completed performances. Chicago is next with 115 while the Braves and the Giants have went through with only 110 games. The schedule calls for 154 games so the Braves and the Giants have 44 more contests to stage.

These two teams will have to face many double bills in cleaning up the season and here is where some of the followers of the national pastime figure it is going to be hard for the Braves. They maintain that with only three regular pitchers working, Stallings will be forced to use some of his second string men and they figure that these lads are not swift enough to stand the pace.

The Giant pitching staff has not been going any too strong in the last few weeks and it's figured that they will continue to break. This would give the advantage to the Cubs and the Cards. The Cub pitchers have been going poorly for some time and they should improve. St. Louis pitchers have been going good and right at the present this team looks to be the one to take the Giants' measure. They have been playing consistent ball while the Braves have gone up to the top in spurts. This may effect their playing and the nervousness following their gruelling finish may cause them to fall by the wayside.

MRS. HAMMOND WINNER

CHICAGO, Aug. 29.—Mrs. Harry D. Hammond of Indianapolis Friday won the western women's gold championship at the Hinsdale course. She defeated Mrs. F. S. Colburn of Glenview, in the 18-hole final by 5 up and 3 to play.

Mrs. Hammond, who is the Indiana state champion, played brilliant golf throughout the tournament.

BRODER STILL LEADS IN HITTING DIVISION

None of Hoosier Batters Are Clouting Over .300 Mark at This Time.

Although the Hoosiers are in third place in the Southern Michigan league with 444, but he has played in but 16 games, while Harris and Coombs, the two Bay City stickmen hold second and third positions with .389 and .345. Helmer, the Mt. Clemens favorite, stands fourth with .344. The last three named players have been in practically every game this season and have been hitting consistently during the year.

Stevenson, the Hoosier shortstop, now the property of the St. Louis Americans, has an average of .234, following Broder in the smashing honors of the Koehler crew. Joe Grodick, the Bender third sacker, who has been one of the valuable assets of the Hoosier aggregation this year, having played in the field, performed brilliantly about the keystone sack, now keeping tab on the far bag, is sticking .271. Williams, the youngster southpaw hurler, and Harry Lake, peppery backstop, are cracking .270 and .271.

Green stands at .260, while Eddie Diem, right fielder, is marked at .251. Ben Koehler, Bender manager and second sacker, has had a slump this season, but has been hitting more consistently in the past two weeks. His average is .246 for the year thus far. Korfhagen, former third sacker and utility man, has .243 to his credit, and George Beall, Smith's young first baseman, considered the classic young fielding initial cushion man on the circuit, is hitting .224. George failed to connect during the earlier part of the season, but has shown new ability in the past few weeks with the club, getting his share of blows each day.

Duffy is clouting .198 and Schorr .154, while Loudermilk, the crack southpaw of the Bender crew is credited with .113. Louie does not think it necessary to hit often and satisfies himself with outthrusting his opponents.

George Beall leads the Hoosiers in the fielding division, having an average of .974. The remainder of the batters are fielding as follows: Korfhagen, .943; Grodick, .941; Williams, .933; Duffy, .948; Loudermilk, .937; Schorr, .884; Diem, .882; Broder, .876; Green, .876; Koehler, .854; Stevenson, .825 and Lake, .872.

Curt Williams leads the Hoosier hurlers, having won 20 and lost 10 games, striking out 180 batters. Loudermilk and Schorr follow. Louie has won nine, lost six and tied one, while Walter has won 18, lost 12 and tied 2. Duffy has won 14 and lost 17. Ed Smith won three and lost five at the first of the season, since which time he has refused to go into the game, permitting his younger pitchers to cope with the opponents.

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MOTOR BOAT RACING GROWS IMPORTANT

War in Europe Makes Events in America of More Significance During Present Season.

CHICAGO, Aug. 29.—With motorboat racing in England destroyed by the war the contest which will be held in America the remainder of the season will be the most important in the history of the game in this country. The biggest meet will be the races for the American championship and Wrigley trophy at Chicago Sept. 19-25. Thirty boats, comprising the fastest craft from the Pacific to the Atlantic, will compete for the American honors.

This is the largest fleet ever gotten together for a hydroplane meet. A great number of boats have made their appearance in the middle west in the last few years and as a result the honors in the various classes will not be won without the hardest kind of battles.

As yachting seems to have died out to a great extent, the Great Lakes, motorboating seems to have come to the front. At all of the various regattas held around the lakes the big gas and steam yachts are coming more into prominence and with the improvement in hydroplanes this type of boat is being used by all who want the fastest kind of craft.

Commodore William Hale Thompson of the Associated Yacht and Powerboat clubs of America, the organization under whose auspices the speedboat races are being held, has announced that the Disturber IV, which James A. Pugh went to England to win the Harmsworth trophy, will be here in time to defend the American honors and Wrigley trophy which Mr. Pugh won last year with the Disturber III. The Disturber IV is the most powerful hydroplane ever built and is expected to make better than 60 miles an hour.

WILL SELL ST. PAUL CLUB IN NINETY DAYS

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 29.—The St. Paul American association baseball club is to be sold within 90 days, if within that time the Club is purchased by a local capitalist it will remain in St. Paul. If no purchaser is found within 90 days, Pres. George E. Lennon will accept an offer he has received which will take the club to another city.

The offer which Lennon has received from the outside party is understood to be slightly in excess of \$100,000 for the franchise and play-off. The identity of the bidder was withheld.

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